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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated April 7, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 7, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.

Replacement drawing sheets are attached following page 10 of this Response.